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SENATOR MARVEL: I'm going to make a few statements that won't make people too happy in here, but I'm going to make them anyway. In the first place I do not think that we should vote to override any veto till we've had a chance to look at the figures. I refuse to vote to override a veto simply because somebody else made a mistake. Before I vote I want to see exactly what the mistake was. Now let me give you one example. Senator Keyes, in effect, says \$500,000. We are not returning this next year \$500,000. We're returning \$800,000. Before I voted to override 417 I had an idea exactly what the difference was so that when somebody asked me a question, after all we worked hours on this. We worked in great detail with Senator Mahoney. I congratulate Senator Mahoney and the Executive Board in the detailed manner in which they worked with us to come up with a realistic budget for this next year. In view of all this work, in view of all that's done, give us a chance first of all to take a look exactly at what the veto says. After we take a look at that, tomorrow morning is plenty of time to do it. Now this may anger some of you, that's fine. I will not override any gubernatorial veto, especially in the area of appropriations, until at least I've had a chance to take a look at it. If you'll recall last year when we had vetoes of appropriations bills these vetoes came in such a hurry that we were given about 30 minutes to either make a case for an override or forget it. If you'll recall then we went into the West Lounge and sat down with the Budget Staff and went through this. This was a hurried operation. I think it was reasonably successful. I can attest to the fact that regardless of the work that's done it's still very difficult to explain all this to the general public. I would like to have time enough to take a look at what the Governor has done. Once this is done, by tomorrow morning, we've got plenty of time to override the veto. Let me repeat what I said before. Senator Mahoney, his staff, members of the Executive Board have spent hours coming up with a realistic budget. They have one of the most realistic budgets, as far as the Legislative Council is concerned, that we've had in years. We are returning over \$800,000 to the General Fund. There are some other figures I want to take a look at before I cast a vote. My comment at the moment is that regardless of how angry we may be this is not the time to vote in haste. It can be done tomorrow after we take a look at exactly what the veto says. At the moment I haven't the foggiest notion of what it says. I do not intend to vote for the override until I've had a chance to look at those figures.

(President Whelan presiding)

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, first of all I think we should correct the message. It is not a veto message. This is Big Jim's official announcement for the U.S. Senate. I think it should be recognized for that. Now we may not know a lot of things here. We may not